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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING DRUG INCIDENTS

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 4553; (B) MARTIN-PRECHT LETTER 3/2/77

1. DEPT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN HANDLING DRUG INCIDENTS; HOWEVER, OVERALL POLICY ON THIS ISSUE IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. DEPT HAS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT FROM DEPT OF DEFENSE "POLICY GUIDANCE FOR U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND (USACIDC) PARTICIPATION IN DRUG SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES." THIS POLICY, ONCE PROMULGATED, SHOULD BE DEFINITIVE OF MOST OF QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN IRAN WHO ARE SUBJECT TO UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ).

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2. DEPOFF HAS CONSULTED DEA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ON QUESTIONS IN REF B. DEA ADVISED THAT IT HAS TWO AGENTS STATIONED IN IRAN FOR PURPOSE OF COOPERATING IN INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF IRANIAN NARCOTIC CONTROL AGENCIES. THESE DEA AGENTS, HOWEVER, DO NOT HAVE ARREST AUTHORITY IN IRAN BUT DO HAVE COORDINATING AND INFORMATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOST GOVERNMENT NARCOTIC AGENCY CONCERNING

TRAFFICKING EVEN WHERE AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE INVOLVED.
WE ARE OBLIGATED UNDER THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS, 1961, AS AMENDED (ARTICLE 35) TO COOPERATE CLOSELY
IN A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND TO
EXCHANGE INFORMATION RELATING TO ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITY
WITHIN BORDERS AND OTHERWISE TO ASSIST EACH OTHER IN THE
CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFICKING. BOTH IRAN AND
THE U.S. ARE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AND HAVE ASSUMED
THESE OBLIGATIONS.

3. AS SOON AS A MORE DEFINITE POSITION HAS BEEN CO-
ORDINATED, EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED AND A MORE DEFINITIVE
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B WILL BE MADE.

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